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POLICE UNION FRUSTRATED OVER NEGOTIATIONS

Sgt. Glen Parath, President of the Millbury Police Union.

If you had asked Sgt. Glen Parath a year ago how long contract negotiations for the 18 member union of the Millbury Police Department would last, he probably would have answered, "a very short time." Parath, who is President of Local 128 of the Massachusetts Coalition of Police, AFL-CIO, explained, "We began negotiations in March so we could slide right into a new contract in June. Since we had no major labor problems with the old contract, we felt that this contract would be a matter of wage negotiations and some minor language changes that wouldn't impose any major expense to the town." That, according to Parath, was not what the Town had in mind.

"We met first," Parath stated, "to establish ground rules for negotiations and resolve all non-economic issues, but when we started, the Town wanted to rewrite the contract from cover to cover. That's what we did three years ago - go through the whole contract. We assumed that having done it, we wouldn't have to do it again." The officers came to the bargaining table with no new proposals at all, in hopes that a reasonable money settlement could be negotiated and a new contract signed immediately at the expiration of the existing contract.

Expressing frustration over a lack of progress in the talks, Parath said, "We spent the first three months discussing the recognition clause. (The recognition clause is that clause which establishes who will be included as members of a bargaining unit.) Since then, we've talked about non-discrimination, management rights, grievance procedures, the seniority clause, even the union bulletin board." What troubles members of the police union is that they feel that these negotiations are wasting the taxpayers money simply because there have been no significant problems with any of the contracts that have been negotiated. "We never had a major problem," Parath said. "There have been a couple of minor grievances, but they were always resolved right here [in Town]. We've never even gone to arbitration on any issue."

One area of disagreement is in the arbitration clause. According to Parath, "Cosgrove (the Attorney representing the Town in the bargaining talks) is opposed to arbitration in any shape, manner, or form. He [Cosgrove] said that he's seen too many crazy decisions come down from arbitrators that don't seem fair."

The patrolmen and sergeants feel that negotiators for the town are wasting the taxpayers money trying to take back items which have been previously negotiated in good faith and which have never cost the town any money nor have ever been abused by the officers. Parath requested and received vouchers for payment to the Town negotiator. These show that Millbury has paid the law firm of Talcott and Cosgrove $27,668.12, 90% of which has gone for Police negotiations. The police officers feel that this expense is wholly unwarranted since their contract was completely renegotiated just three years ago, and, according to Parath, has been acceptable and workable.

The police officers, discouraged and frustrated by the lack of movement, decided to appeal to the residents for support. They have begun wearing buttons on their uniforms which say, "Selectmen Wasting Taxpayers' Money", and have also distributed a flyer detailing their concerns. "We're going to start with some informational material, see what kind of responses we'll get from the town and the taxpayers; hopefully the taxpayers will have some sympathy. You know," said Parath, "we're not asking the taxpayers to give us more money; we were willing to settle right from the start for a nominal wage increase - what everyone else is getting. We're not trying to hold up the bank. That's all they [the Town] had to do is to give us a wage increase comparable to what everyone else is getting; we could have signed that contract the same night with all the same language and gone right into a new one with no hassle and no problem and no $27,000 bill for a lawyer. We would have been done and the Town would have saved a lot of money."

As to any future action, Parath stated that the officers have considered a variety of possibilities. However, he clearly and emphatically stated that the police officers would not do anything that would jeopardize the public or the public safety. "We wouldn't do anything to disrupt the public," he stressed. We're just letting the Town know that they [the negotiators] are wasting money and there's no need for it..."

In other town contract negotiations, Steve Couture, Steward for the Department of Public Works, stated that their negotiations seem to be following the pattern of the police negotiations. Their contract, which also was completely renegotiated three years ago, is being considered from cover to cover, although, in fairness to the town, his unit has not met as often as has the police association.

Evelyn Plante, Steward for the clerical employees, stated that, as their negotiations have only recently begun, it is too early to comment on the talks.

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FAMILY TRADITION ENDS

In 1910, Richard "Dick" Gillert's father started the Central Diner located on Elm Street in Millbury. Since that time, the Gillert's have run a lunch cart at the same location. Dick has been running the present lunch cart since 1947. On Friday, January 30, Dick and his wife Ginny retired from the operation. "I've met many good and loyal customers and friends over the past forty years, and though I won't be seeing them everyday, I'll be thinking of them. Ginny and I both want to thank the wonderful people of Millbury and Sutton for their friendship and their patronage over all of these years."

To both Ginny and Dick, the people of Millbury and Sutton wish these fine people the very happiest of retirements.

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FIRE CHIEF SEEKS HELP IN CLEARING HYDRANTS

MILLBURY. Millbury Fire Chief, Tom Nault, is asking for the assistance of residents in clearing the snow from around fire hydrants that are located near their homes.

In addition, Chief Nault would like to thank those who have already cleared the snow from hydrants.

ROAST BEEF SUPPER TO BE HELD AT SUTTON CONGREGATIONAL

SUTTON. A Roast Beef Supper will be held at the First Congregational Church in Sutton Center on Saturday, February 7, from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m., featuring Clam Chowder, Cabbage au Gratin, and Indian Pudding a la mode. Homemade bread is always included in the fare at these monthly suppers.

In case of bad weather, listen to WTAG or WSRS for cancellation.

WHIST PARTY PLANNED FOR FEBRUARY 7

MILLBURY. The Central Planning Committee of the Millbury Federated Church is sponsoring a Whist Party on February 7, 1987, at 7:30 p.m. The donation is $2.00 and refreshments will be available.

BLOOD PRESSURE CLINIC

On Tuesday, February 10, there will be a free public Blood Pressure Clinic at the Asa Waters Mansion, 123 Elm Street, Millbury, from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.

The District Nursing Society, serving residents of Millbury, Sutton, and neighboring communities, sponsors the Clinic and urges those who have not had their blood pressure checked recently to attend. Now that the holidays are over, it's a good time to get into the habit of having pressure checked on a regular basis.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 7

MILLBURY...Whist Party at the Millbury Federated Church at 7:30 p.m. Donation $2.00.

SUTTON...Roast Beef Supper at the First Congregational Church in Sutton from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. Menu features: Clam Chowder, Cabbage Au Gratin, and Indian Pudding.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 10

MILLBURY...Blood Pressure Clinic at the Asa Waters Mansion, 123 Elm St., from 9:30 – 11:00 a.m.

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WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18

MILLBURY...Blood Pressure Clinic at the Linden Apartments, Pearl Street, from 1:00 – 2:00 p.m.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 19

MILLBURY...Blood Pressure Clinic at the Centerview Apartments, for Residents only from 1:00 to 2:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 25

MILLBURY...The Millbury Parks and Recreation Commission will hold its annual meeting for the scheduling of all the Millbury playing fields for the upcoming season. Any league interested in using the fields should attend this meeting. The meeting will be held at 8:00 p.m. at the Municipal Office Building.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 26

MILLBURY...Blood Pressure Clinic at the Colonial Apartments, Colonial Drive, from 1:00 to 2:00 p.m.

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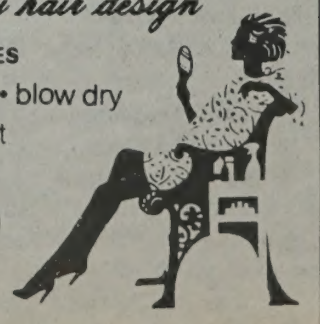
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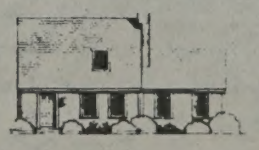
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MILLBURY SELECTMEN'S MEETING DIGEST

By Edward J. Cooney

JANUARY 27, 1987

The Board signed the Warrant and approved by unanimous vote the minutes of two previous meetings.

- Administrator Earl Chase brought before the Board correspondence concerning the Memorial Hospital Health Plan which is an H.M.O.

Chairman Wynton Adams stated that he was of the opinion that the Town was probably meeting its obligation by offering one primary plan. Chase indicated to the Board that he would check into the matter.

- Adams announced the "Dates to Remember". On February 10, 1987 the Special Town Meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m. in the High School Auditorium. It was stated that the scheduled basketball games that night will begin at 5:30 and should end at 7:30.

The Annual Town Meeting is scheduled for April 4, 1987 at 1:00 p.m. Adams suggested that the Finance Committee be contacted to get some indication of estimated progress in dealing with the budget and Articles for the Town Meeting.

- Under "Old Business" the Selectmen were informed by Adams that Signal Resco would be holding an open house for officials and the general public on February 7th, prior to the Special Town Meeting, to allow the public to view the progress being made both on the exterior and interior of the plant.

- Chase reported that the Dorothy Pond Restoration Advisory Committee had met with B.S.C. engineers to review the contract and that the Milestone Chart and the construction schedule had been reviewed and revised.

Board member Jude Cristo requested that a copy be made of the revisions. Cristo had requested a re-thinking of the Milestone Chart schedule.

- Steven Stearns, a member of the Millbury Awareness Group, asked the Board several questions concerning enforcement of the Town by-law concerned with odor nuisances. He was seeking enforcement of the by-law with respect to Lewcott Chemical.

Adams noted that the by-law had been reviewed by a previous town counsel and also stated that it was questionable that, if given to the new town counsel, the opinion would be the same.

Stearns asked who would be responsible for enforcement and in what manner it would be enforced.

Adams stated that the Building Inspector would make the determination on whether or not a violation had ocurred and would bring the matter to court. He suggested to Stearns that a letter to the Building Inspector would initiate action.

- Chase then informed the Board that there were no Planning Board requirements for street lighting or standards for placement and location of lights at the Latti Farm Industrial Park.

- At 7:30, a delegation of ten neighbors living on Herricks Lane were recognized by Adams.

Adams apologized to Lynn Stover, and the delegation, for not scheduling them on last week's agenda. "It was an oversight on our part," said Adams. He went on to say that research had been done by Chase. He then asked Chase for an update. In his remarks, Chase stated that he had reviewed and had gone over all the data. He noted that he had found 14 different interpretations in deeds on file. "I have found in my review that abutters have the right to use that street and that no where does it indicate abutters owning a portion, which means they could not convey ownership to the Town."

Adams stated that he has been led to believe that the original owner, Clarence Fenner, transferred a right of way to other families. "No title was given to anyone in that right of way. The only place in doubt is the Millbury Youth Camp," said Adams.

He went on to state that he has reason to believe that Mr. Miles' statement that he owns the land is correct. "There is no indication that property was deeded to the Town. No one in 1971 owned the property so that it could be conveyed to the Town," Adams explained.

Ms. Stover asked if Herricks Lane was a private way. Adams responded, "No, the Town is acting to rectify the situation by acquiring title through legal process."

Mrs. Gasco indicated that there have been ruts in the road and a drainage problem that washes the sand out.

Adams then noted that the maintenance of Herricks Lane is under the authority of the Highway Department.

Mrs. Gasco said that at present the road is fine as the snow has been packed, making the road passable. She is concerned that the condition of the road will deteriorate when the snow thaws. "Are they (the Highway Department) going to do something?" she asked.

Adams answered, "I can't guarantee what they are going to do."

Cristo then suggested that they take their complaint concerning the drainage problem to the Planning Board for review.

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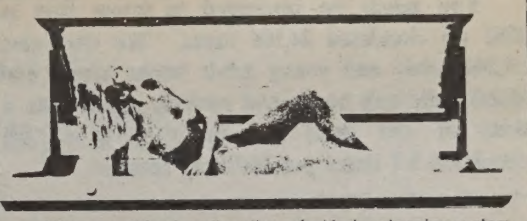
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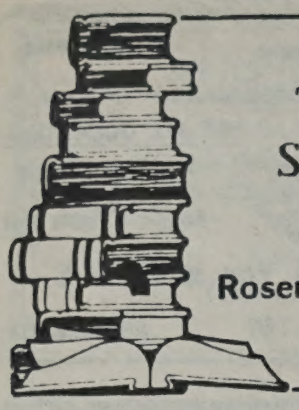

ON THE SHELF

By Rosemary Waltos

While 1986 was not without its ups and downs at the Millbury Public Library, both Trustees and staff would agree with me that it's been a good year. Here's how we look in review.

During 1986, the Library was open 265 days. Throughout the year we were open 41 hours per week with both morning and evening hours.

The Millbury Public Library Board of Trustees welcomed Paul Gallo to its board. Mr. Gallo has proven to be an invaluable member of the board. He lends particular expertise in matters of personnel policies at the Library, and has a keen business sense for running nonprofit agencies such as the Library. In 1986 the Library appointed a new director, Rosemary Waltos. One of her strong points is collection development, and she plans to improve and expand on both the collection and services in the future.

Last year the Library's collection expanded by 2,295 items. Work is underway to update, upgrade and expand the collection with special emphasis on nonfiction materials. In 1986 the Library was awarded a $10,000 grant from the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners. This money will be spent in 1987 on adult and young adult nonfiction materials. In 1986 the Library added video cassettes to its permanent collection. Currently, this collection is small, but the Library anticipates doubling it in 1987.

You might be interested to know that in 1986 we circulated 44,166 items. We circulated 25,249 adult and young adult books alone, and 16,098 children's books and records, better than a third of our total circulation. In all we circulated 3.7 items per Millbury resident.

This past year the reference collection was updated and upgraded. Work still continues in this area. In June the Library started to keep records of the reference questions asked and how they were answered. From June through December the Library staff fielded some 632 reference questions. These questions ranged from a question on who was the first person to give someone a permanent wave (ans. Karl Ludwig Nissler) to the going price for a 1984 Ford Escort with air conditioning (ans. $4,225 as of September 1986).

The Library obtained 457 items for patrons through the Central Massachusetts Regional Library System (CMRLS) interlibrary loan service. For readers who are not familiar with this service, the Millbury Public Library is tied into the CMRLS that in turn is linked via computer with lending libraries throughout the country. Materials that the Library does not own can be located and borrowed for you using this service.

In 1986, the Library offered over 25 children's and young adult programs. Fifteen school classrooms visited the Library. Total attendance for these programs was 939. Some 456 children participated in school visits.

This year the Library acquired an Apple computer through a grant from the Massachusetts Arts Lottery. This computer is available to children in the Library's children's room. The Library currently provides children individualized instruction in simple computer graphics. Adults are also encouraged to use this computer.

Approximately 120 linear feet of picture hanging molding was hung in the Library to accommodate art displays of community artists. The Library also purchased a four shelf glass display case for three dimensional art work. The funding to create this gallery space is provided by the Massachusetts Arts Lottery.

There are several ways of showing your support for the Library. One very good way is to become a Friend of the Millbury Public Library. In 1986 the Friends of the Millbury Public Library was reactivated. New By-Laws were written and accepted. A new executive board was elected. The Friends provided more than $200 to buy children's materials and conduct children's programs. We look forward to the active and continued support of the Friends in the years to come. If you want to become a Friend of the Library, it's just $2 for a single membership and $5 for a family membership. Organizations that want to be Friends can join with a $25 membership.

Finally, in the past year the Library created a new five year plan. This plan will set the pace and direction for the Library on into 1990. The Library's goals for the next five years are: 1. improve and update adult and young adult reading and viewing collection; 2. improve children's services; 3. improve the Library's pubic image; 4. automate library systems to improve services; 5. improve student services for students in grades one through twelve; and 6. improve the efficiency within the organization.

COMING SOON

On February 19, at 7:00 p.m. the Library will offer a presentation on financial planning. If you missed this presentation in January, here is another chance for you to listen to Edward Connor, senior trust officer at Shawmut Worcester County Bank talk about financial and estate planning. Mr. Connor will cover all elements of estate planning including wills, trusts, estate taxes and joint ownership. This practical look at estate planning is designed to

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Selectman Roland Lachance asked Mrs. Gasco if she could recall the road ever being blocked off for one day.

Mrs. Gasco stated that it had never been blocked off. She did indicate that trees had grown up but that bikes and trucks were able to drive through.

Adams then stated that the Town could take the property by eminent domain. He noted that the same results could be accomplished in a more reasonable manner by discussions with Miles.

Mrs. Gasco also stated that they were still being told the same thing by the Highway Department when they call. "They say that they can't do anything unless told by the Selectmen."

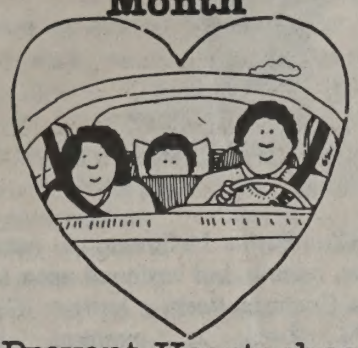
Adams replied, "That's not true."

At 8:05, Adams indicated that the Board was going to move into Executive Session to meet with Attorney James Cosgrove concerning collective bargaining. The motion carried on a 5-0 vote.

NATIONAL CRIME PREVENTION WEEK FEBRUARY 8-14, 1987

MILLBURY POLICE OBSERVE NATIONAL CHILD PASSENGER SAFETY WEEK

February Is Passenger Safety Month



Prevent Heartaches
Buckle Up!

A message from the Massachusetts Department of Public Health

MILLBURY. February 8-14 is National Child Passenger Safety Awareness Week and the Millbury Police are asking parents to make a special effort to buckle up their children.

Every year in Massachusetts, hundreds of children are seriously injured or killed in motor vehicle accidents. Of the survivors, many are crippled for life by spinal cord injuries, brain damage, or traumatic epilepsy. Most of these injuries could be prevented simply by using car seats and safety belts.

The Child Passenger Safety law, requiring all children under five years to be fastened in a properly adjusted car seat or safety belt, has been in effect since 1982. While the law does not apply to children older than five, safety belts are still the best available protection for these children while riding in a motor vehicle. During the week of February 8-14, the Police Department Safety Officer is making a special effort to bring this law to the attention of all parents. "I think it's important that parents understand the law and the benefits of using car seats," reports Sgt. Perry, Millbury's Safety Officer.

For further information about safety belts and child safety seats, contact the Massachusetts Department of Public Safety or your child's pediatrician. To have someone speak to your group about passenger safety, call the Massachusetts Passenger Safety Program at (617) 727-1246.

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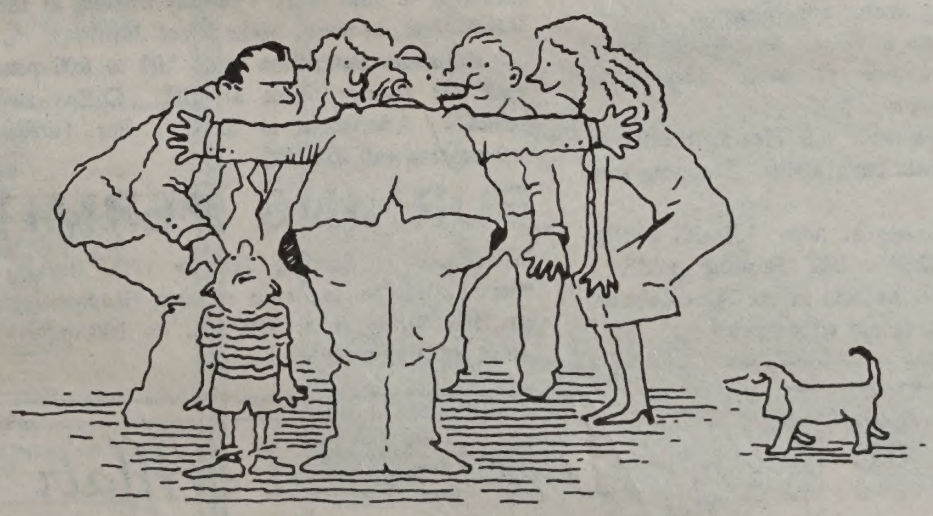

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help you and your family plan for the future. Special emphasis will be given to how the new tax laws will effect this area of personal finances. Questions are more than welcome.

On February 11, at 3:30, "Sew Easy" - Say "I Love You" and learn a few stitches or use your own sewing know how to decorate a valentine bookbag with your favorite "I love..." saying. This program is open to children, grades to and up. Registration starts on February 3.

"Every Picture Tells a Story" - In celebration of this year's upcoming Youth Art Month, teens are invited to submit to the Library their original drawing or painting that tells their story. Art work must be submitted on 8 1/2 x 11 paper. Six participants will be chosen to display their art work in the Library. For more details, call the Library at 865-1181. Art work must be submitted to the Library by Saturday, February 28.

SUTTON SENIOR NEWS

MENU

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 6: Seafood Chowder, Baked Fish; TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 10: Roast Turkey with Gravy; WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 11: Shepherd's Pie

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE WEEK

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 6: Mr. Goodnow will help anyone with their income tax forms from 12:30 to 3:00. Appointments must be made.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 9: Debbie Moore will put on the birthday party at the Orchard Apartments at 3:00 p.m.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 10: "Friends of the Sutton Elders" open house at the meal site from 1-3. Refreshments will be served and prizes given. It will be in the form of a Valentine's Day Party. We will also have a special treat in the form of "the Queen" who will read your fortune with her cards.

Meal Site Birthday party for those born in February.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 13: Help with your income taxes from 12:30-3:00. Appointments must be made.

REGULAR WEEKLY EVENTS

Monday: Exercise class from 11-12. Crafts from 1-3. All day doctor appointments.

Tuesday: Lunch at noon. Social after lunch.

Wednesday: Lunch at noon. Bingo. PM Doctor Appointments

Thursday: Info and ref. Health checks at Orchard Apartments from 8-9:30. Shopping a.m. and p.m.

FRIDAY: Lunch at noon. Health checks at Library from 12:30 to 1:00. Bowling at 1:15.

All events will be held at the Senior Center in the Town Hall, except where noted.

LOCAL REALTOR EARNS PROFESSIONAL DESIGNATION

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Phyllis is anxious to service your real estate needs. If she can be of service to you please call 755-0410.

AIDS SUPPORT GROUP

WORCESTER. The Aids Project Worcester Support Group will meet on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the Pakachoag Community Church on Pakachoag Hill in Auburn.

The Aids Information line, 756-6681, is open from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

LINE DANCING

MILLBURY. Line Dancing, with Florence Gaudette, is held every Thursday evening at the V.F.W. Post, 16 South Main Street, Millbury.

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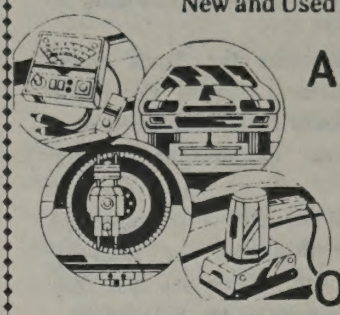

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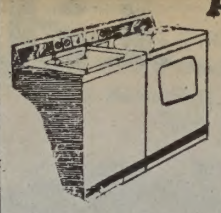

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HIGH SCHOOL DIALOGUE

By Roger Desrosiers

WINTER CARNIVAL IS HERE

This is, I believe, the seventh annual winter carnival at Millbury High School. Each year more and more students involve themselves in the many activities that are designed to promote the following: school spirit, class unity, and teamwork. Each class vies for the honor of gaining the most points from a series of events and activities. Grades 9-12 will compete against each other; grade 8 is divided into two teams and they compete against each other.

Each day there is a different competitive event. At the end of each school day during Winter Carnival Week, students will meet in the gym for the day's event(s). In order to provide time to hold these events, one period a day on a rotating basis is given up. This way, no more than one period is lost during the entire week in any given course. In order that you may follow along with us, the following is a list of the daily events:

Monday - Tug of War and Basketball Free Throws (time permitting); Tuesday - Volleyball and Marshmallow Throwing Contest; Wednesday - Obstacle Course; Thursday - Floor Hockey; Friday - Peanut Contest, Class Song, and Class Skits

Students are allowed to sign up for only one of these events, except for class song and skits. This encourages and allows a greater number of students to participate. In this way, nearly fifty students from each class will have worked together.

There are many other activities in which students can get involved. Any of the students can take part in the snow sculpture, murals, poster contest, class song, and class skits. All of these activities must relate to this year's theme, which is Winter Fantasies. Many hours of work and enjoyment go into these events. As a result, we see lots of students working on these projects after school hours from 2:00 to 6:00. (On Thursday, students may work from 7 to 9 also.)

There are also activities in which all class members are urged to participate. There is a Canned food contest on Wednesday where students bring in canned goods. Points are awarded according to the percentage of those students from each class that brought in the canned goods. A second way that all students can participate is by wearing the school colors - maroon and white, on Thursday. A count will again be taken in homeroom. Each class will be awarded points according to the percentage of those wearing the school colors.

During the week, there are several girls and boys basketball games for nighttime activities. Also, on Wednesday night only, there is a Lip Sync Contest (Originally it was to be held on two nights). Nearly 20 groups will display their talents in the auditorium starting at 7:00 p.m. Sponsors for this show are L'Autre Choix (see related article) and the Cable Club. Admission is $3.00.

On Friday evening, the week will come to a close with a dance sponsored by the Junior class. The dance will go from 7:00 to 11:00 p.m. and admission will be $2.50. At this time the winner of the Winter Carnival will be announced and a trophy will be presented to the winning class.

We all know, of course, that everyone who will have participated in Winter Carnival Week is a winner. This has always been a very positive experience for our students as they get to know their fellow classmates better and work closely together for a common goal.

Winter vacation will follow Winter Carnival Week. School will resume on Monday, February 23.

ADVANCED STUDIES PROGRAM

Four students from the High School have been chosen to be nominees for the Massachusetts Advanced Studies Program, an intensive six week summer program at Milton Academy. These students, all juniors, were selected on the basis of the strength of their academic program, grades, PSAT scores and teacher recommendations. They are James Boden, son of Alfred and Susan Boden; Bonnie Crabbe, daughter of David and Marion Crabbe; Jason

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To the Editor:

I am a member of the group called "Citizens for a Safe and Clean Millbury". I'm sure you have heard of us because it seems that we have created quite an impact in Town.

Citizens of Millbury, at this point, I would like to tell you exactly who we are and what our ultimate goals are, because at times, our motives have been distorted by various town officials. To put it simply, we are Millbury citizens who want to protect our Town, surrounding towns, and the people who dwell within this radius, from pollutants which have been proven to be hazardous to life. Members of our group have spent endless hours, hundreds of dollars, attended seminars, and spoken with scientific experts on massburn facilities such as the one being built off Route 20 in Millbury. The facts which were gathered via this research resulted in several Town Meeting Articles, only one of which was voted on at the last town meeting. The Articles which will appear before you on the February 10th Warrant are those which were indefinitely postponed at that time to allow the Finance Committee to consult with Town Counsel, therefore, they were never explained or debated on the town meeting floor. Because we believe in the pure democracy of the open town meeting where you the voter makes decisions of a serious nature, we had no alternative but to bring these articles to you for a decision at the Special Town Meeting. If the vote of the people was delayed by town officials, why was Citizens for a Safe and Clean Millbury accused of wasting Taxpayers' money by bringing the articles back to the warrant? A decision by Town Counsel was not necessary since the final one must come from the Attorney General should the articles be approved.

What continued to remain such an alarming mystery to us is why the facts were not researched by town officials before the contract was signed between the Town and Signal Resco. Why have we reached such an impasse with some of our town officials? Could it be that they followed blindly the lead of a pro-massburn State hierarchy? Did you know that deadly dioxins are produced because of the burning process itself and that our smokestack has no controls whatsoever within it? Have we the people become the pawns in a statewide political maneuver to site many of these facilities in cities and towns across Massachusetts where sadly, a comprehensive system of controlling them is not part of the plan? Remember that the DEQE is underfunded and understaffed and it is the monitoring agency responsible for the control of this facility. Along with it's other massive duties, such as fulfilling the mandate of the new Hazardous Waste Cleanup Law, how can it do it's job other than dubiously, at best?

Voters of Millbury, please attend the Special Town Meeting on February 10, 1987 at 7:00 in the evening. Help us to pass these extremely important Articles so that they can be submitted to the Attorney General immediately. Your approval on them can send a strong much-needed message to Boston; the message that we demand and deserve more responsive actions from government both state and local. We have attempted to extract some form of accountability from town officials long enough. So far our pleas have been met with insults and stalling tactics. Please make a special effort to attend the Meeting. Let your voices be heard and your votes be counted. We need your help. Together, We are the decision-making body in our Town.

Carol M. Brodsky
MILLBURY

VOICE CONCERN FOR FUTURE OF TOWN

To the Editor:

On February 10th, at 7:00 p.m., the Town of Millbury will hold a Special Town Meeting. Articles (sponsored by the "Citizens for a Clean and Safe Millbury") relating to the safer and more environmentally protective operation of Signal Resco's Resource Recovery Plant will be brought before Millbury voters.

As residents of Millbury who have clearly observed how the Department of Environmental Quality Engineering's (DEQE) officials respond to legitimate resident complaints over extremely serious pollution and health risks already in existence in Millbury, we are deeply concerned for the future of the Town and its residents.

In May 1986, Thomas Cusson, a DEQE official, stood before the Millbury Board of Selectmen and 50 angry residents who had complained of noxious irritating odors believed to be emanating from the Lewcott Chemical and Polyclad Laminates facilities. Residents of the area believe adverse health effects (eye irritations, nausea, and sore threats) are due to chemical emissions from both of these facilities which have both been ordered to upgrade and or install pollution controls. Cusson's response to the citizens was that, in his opinion, residents were not in any health risk. We were telling him "This is happening to us." We could not believe that our pleas for assistance and enforcement of the environmental laws fell on deaf ears. DEQE has known since 1979 of the lack of pollution controls on the Lewcott Chemical facility and also of the complaints by Millbury residents of noxious odors. Where was DEQE when additional hazardous processes were moved to the Millbury facility? Processes were moved to Millbury in order to quiet Worcester residents complaints regarding the Worcester facility.

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VOICE from Page 8

DEQE is the same agency that will be in control of the emissions from that enormous smoke stack seen from all over the area which belongs to Signal RESCO's Resource Recovery Plant.

Clearly the environmental laws as they presently exist do not protect Millbury citizens from problem companies with toxic emissions. Assurances from DEQE and local town officials that we should not worry because the DEQE is in charge and will take care of any problems, simply do not ring true after the continuing Lewcott/Polyclad fiasco. In fact, it should make all of us more aware of the limitations of the environmental and local by-laws and their enforcement.

The controls for such a "potential - possibly enormous" polluter such as Signal Resco's Resource Recovery Plant, belongs in the hands of the residents of Millbury and not DEQE officials who will not suffer the potential consequences of adverse health and safety problems resulting form any potential pollution. It will be the people that reside in Millbury and the surrounding communities who will be forced to live with any resulting problems with Signal Resco, unless Millbury residents support Articles 2 through 16 and pass them at this Special Town Meeting.

Please attend this critical Special Town Meeting and support articles 2 through 16. Your family's health and lives just may depend on these articles.

Millbury Awareness Group

This letter was signed by the following: Mr. and Mrs. Charles Kirkpatrick, Elizabeth Baker, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Cammuso, Mr. and Mrs. Vito Ventura, Olive Robb, Gregory Robb, Mr. and Mrs. William Dodge, Steven Stearns, Carol Perry

URGE SUPPORT OF ARTICLES

To the Editor:

The Special Town Meeting to be held February 10, 1987 may be one of the most important meetings we have had in years.

It will give Millbury residents the opportunity to vote to establish controls relating to Resource Recovery facilities. The Millbury by-laws do not have any controls at this time.

The Signal Resource Recovery Facility which is due to begin burning in January, 1988, will operate 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. The first stack tests are scheduled within 180 days after start up. Do you want this plant to run up to six months (dumping over 1500 tons of pollutants into the air) before being tested?

If there is an inversion (stack emissions going down instead of up), do you want the burning and pollution to continue?

Do you want garbage trucks from all over central New England taking short cuts to the trash plant by driving through our neighborhoods?

Please help by talking to neighbors and attending the Special Town Meeting on Tuesday, February 10, 1987 at 7:00 p.m. at the Millbury High School Auditorium.

Please support Articles 2 thorough 16.

Thank you.

Citizens for a Safe and Clean Millbury

This letter was signed by the following: Joseph Bianculli, Oliver Mason, Jr., Robert Laflamme, Martha Campolito, Margaret McNamara, Jane Mason, Elizabeth Foley, Raymond Lewandowski, John Foley,

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ALUMNI SPEAK TO MHS SENIORS ABOUT COLLEGE LIFE

MILLBURY. "It's a lot harder", "You have so much reading,", "You have to organize your time", "The freedom is great". These were some of the comments made by alumni at a panel presentation to Millbury High School's Seniors.

Ten members of the Class of 1986 took time from their semester break to speak to seniors about the college application process, college life, and reflections on their Millbury High School experiences. The panel was followed by a reception in the media center for alumni and seniors.

"Apply early" was the key message given relative to college applications. In many cases an early application gets an early response and reduces the anxiety of waiting. Another panelist advised applying early decision if the students has the grades and test scores necessary.

The adequacy of financial aid was discussed. Panelists encouraged the seniors to apply to their school of choice. "Don't not apply because you think you can't afford it," they advised. In many instances financial aid awards were sufficient for the panelists to attend a more expensive school than was originally considered possible.

All but one of the panelists live at school, and they love it. They like taking responsibility for themselves, determining their own study times, meeting new people, and going to parties. With one semester completed, many said they would have to organize their time better second semester and perhaps say no to some of the social opportunities.

The panelists felt generally well prepared academically for college work. Many spoke particularly of the background they have for writing research papers and reports. One graduate has put her word processing course to good use in a work study job.

To the adults in the audience the panelists appeared more mature than six months ago. They were sophisticated, relaxed, and happy with their new lifestyles. We are proud of them.

SCHOOL MENUS

WEEK OF FEBRUARY 9 – FEBRUARY 13

SUTTON SCHOOL MENUS

MONDAY: Meatball Grinder, French Fries, Raisin Oatmeal Cookie

TUESDAY: Corn or Clam Chowder, Grilled Cheese, Fruit

WEDNESDAY: Clam Roll, French Fries, White Cake with Chocolate Frosting

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FRIDAY: Pizza, Plain or Pepperoni, French Fries, Carrot Sticks, Peanut Butter Cookie

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MONDAY: Chicken Pot Pie, French Fries, Pan Roll/Butter, Assorted Fruit

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WEDNESDAY: Juice, Submarine Sandwich, Potato Chips, Fruit

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WEDNESDAY: Juice, Submarine Sandwich, Potato Chips, Peaches

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AROUN' THE TOWN AND GOLDEN AGERS UPDATE

By Lillian C. Sheehan

MILLBURY GOLDEN AGE CLUB

To be or not to be...To have or not to have a meeting, time will tell, or should I say weather will tell. In any event, Fred Bazin, President, says, "Think positive and give some thought to the trips that are planned in the future when the roads are clear and the sun is shining." Jake Army has scheduled the two Plainfield trips to the Races on March 12th and March 26th. The cost of these is $16.50 per person which will include transportation, admittance to the building, a delicious lunch and the tip for the bus driver. If you are interested, see Jake immediately. Payment is due when you make your reservation. He is also taking reservations for the trip to Canada in May. Here again, a deposit of $50.00 is required to firm your reservation. Incidentally, all members of the Millbury Golden Age Club are given first priority. After a certain time, if the quota has not been filled, outsiders will be given a chance to take advantage of these trips.

COLONIAL APARTMENTS

Best Wishes for a speedy recovery go out to Anna Stone who was a recent patient at St. Vincent's Hospital.

Tenants at Colonial are playing Bingo on Thursdays as usual and invite their Senior friends to join them.

AT CENTERVIEW

Congratulations to one of Centerview's fine couples, Max and Dorothea Grenier, who celebrated their 48th wedding anniversary on January 31. Best wishes for many more.

Tenants are looking forward to February 14 when they will enjoy a Valentine Dinner followed by entertainment. The Menu sounds appealing and it promises to be a good party.

SIGN OF MIDDLE AGE...When the phone rings on Saturday night and you hope it's not for you.

BEHIND EVERY SUCCESSFUL MAN is a guy from the Internal Revenue Service.

IT'S HARD TO BELIEVE, isn't it, that the United States was founded to avoid taxation.

WHEN A WOMAN REFUSES to tell her weight, you can be sure she weighs one hundred and plenty.

A LITTLE BOY is much like a canoe - they both behave better if paddled from the rear.

A NEW BROOM sweeps clean, but the old brush knows all the corners.

COUNCIL OF CHURCH WOMEN HOLDS INSTALLATION

The annual meeting and installation of new officers of the Millbury-Sutton Council of Churchwomen United was held January 9th at St. John's Episcopal Church in Wilkinsonville. Mrs. Ernest Howe was Installing Officer.

Officers for 1987 are: Mrs. Dorothea Molleur, President; Mrs. Roger Bourdeau, Vice President; Mrs. Victor Army, Second Vice President; Mrs. David Watkins, Secretary; Mrs. Wesley Howe, Treasurer; Mrs. Jeannette Dunn, Devotions Chairman; Mrs. Stanley Karsok and Mrs. Dennis Mulhane, Publicity Co-Chairmen; and Mrs. Frank Bullard, Auditor.

MILLBURY COA MENUS

WEEK OF FEBRUARY 9 - 13

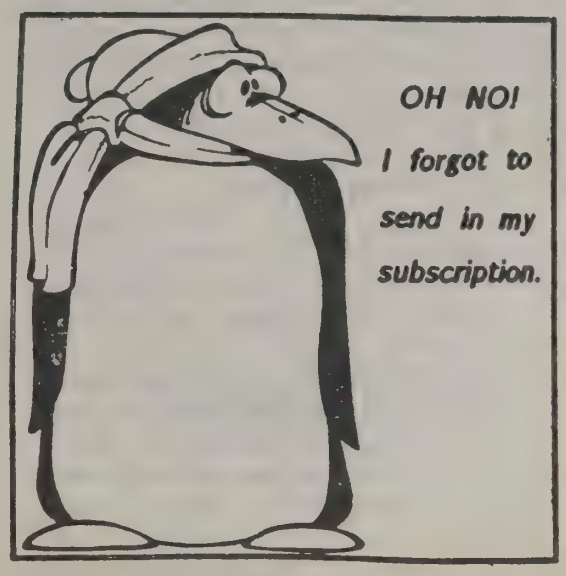
MONDAY: Beef Barley Soup w/Crackers, Swedish Meatballs, Mashed Potato, Whipped Winter Squash, Wheat Bread, Peaches

TUESDAY: Roast Turkey w/Gravy, Sweet Potato, Scandinavian Blend, Rye Bread, Fresh Fruit

WEDNESDAY: Shepherd's pie, Tossed Salad, Bran Square, Chocolate Pudding w/Topping

THURSDAY: Cream of Mushroom Soup w/Crackers, Baked Fish w/Creole Sauce, Au Gratin Potato, Lo-Cal Vegetable Goulash, Oatmeal Bread, Pears

FRIDAY: Sweetheart Day, Cranberry Juice, Manicotti w/Sauce, Genoa Style Blend, Italian Stick, Blueberry Nut Cake



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WORKSHOP EXPLORES INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT

By Karen Potter

SUTTON. With all members present, the Sutton Selectmen held their second workshop style meeting on January 27. The purpose of the meeting was to educate board members about the possible establishment of an Industrial Commission and Finance Authority.

The subject of expanding the non-residential taxbase is a complex one, but Chairman John Reed introduced the subject in a step-by-step fashion by outlining some of the activities in which this commission might become involved.

Selecting the location for an industrial (mercantile, light or heavy industry, office) complex would be a primary function of such a commission and might include requests for rezoning in some areas if necessary. Besides zoning, site location can be influenced by several other factors, such as access to water and sewer lines, availability of two way traffic flow for receiving and shipping, and protection of a 400' radius "area of influence" around the town wells from groundwater contamination.

Such study might provide enough information for a business in Sutton to consider remaining here at a new site, preserving jobs, and providing tax revenues, rather than relocating elsewhere.

On property which the Town already owns, such as the parcel at the intersection of Lakey Dam Road and Route 146, or the former hatchery in Wilkinsonville, the commission could work with a private developer who would take responsibility for construction, maintenance, and leasing/selling space on the Town's behalf. If the site was privately owned, the commission and the developer could negotiate and "package" a site for such an enterprise.

Helen Bicknell, Regional Economic Development Director with the Blackstone Valley Regional Development Corporation, outlined for the Selectmen four different structures of commissions and described their scope of powers which range from advisory only, to one which has the right of eminent domain. The size of the various commissions varies but the Selectmen agreed that the composition of the group should, and in some cases would only be lawful if it does, exhibit a broad variety of expertise including construction, finance and real estate.

Before the discussion period, Chairman Reed summed up his feelings saying, "We are on the threshold of (the development of) this entire area and we should think in terms of what we want to do."

Referring to how the Town should proceed, Mike Chizy said, "It's not a question of whether or not we should do this (establish a commission) but what method we should use....I think we should get started right away."

Every Selectman agreed with Wally Johnson, who cautioned against establishing a commission with too much power in the beginning. "You have to creep before you can walk," he said. "We should start with some kind of advisory group first."

"We should start with what we already have," added Reed, referring to the current Industrial Development Commission, "and grow from there."

It was agreed that the Selectmen would digest the handouts they received on the subject and begin to work on the objectives of the commission as well as its legal charge.

In other business, the Selectmen voted to award the printing and binding of the Annual Town Report to Clark Press of Sutton.

WORCESTER ART MUSEUM SCHEDULES "ARTREAT"

WORCESTER. Artreat is a program designed to introduce families and adults to the collection of the Worcester Art Museum and to art making. The program is divided into two parts. First an introductory session held at the neighborhood center or adjacent community site on a weekday, followed by a Sunday afternoon at the Museum.

On Wednesday, February 25, Millbury will have their pre-visit from 7-8 p.m. at the Millbury Public Library. On Sunday, March 1, the participants will visit the Museum.

Forms will be available at the Library one month before the program. Space is limited so register early.

This program is made possible by a grant form the Open Door Program of the Massachusetts Council on the Arts and Humanities.

For more information call the Education Department of the Worcester Art Museum at 799-4406.

Signal Environmental Systems Inc. Invites the public

to attend Site Tours of its Resource Recovery Facility currently under construction at 333 Southwest Cutoff; Worcester, Massachusetts on Saturday - February 7, 1987. These Tours will be an opportunity for SES to update construction progress of the Facility since our last Site Tours conducted in September, 1986.

An informational presentation describing the Facility operations will be followed by light refreshments, and a Walking Tour of the Facility including the interiors of the Boiler and Turbine Buildings.

There will be Tours conducted at 10:00 A.M. and 2:00 P.M.
Interested area residents 18 years of age and older are invited to contact:

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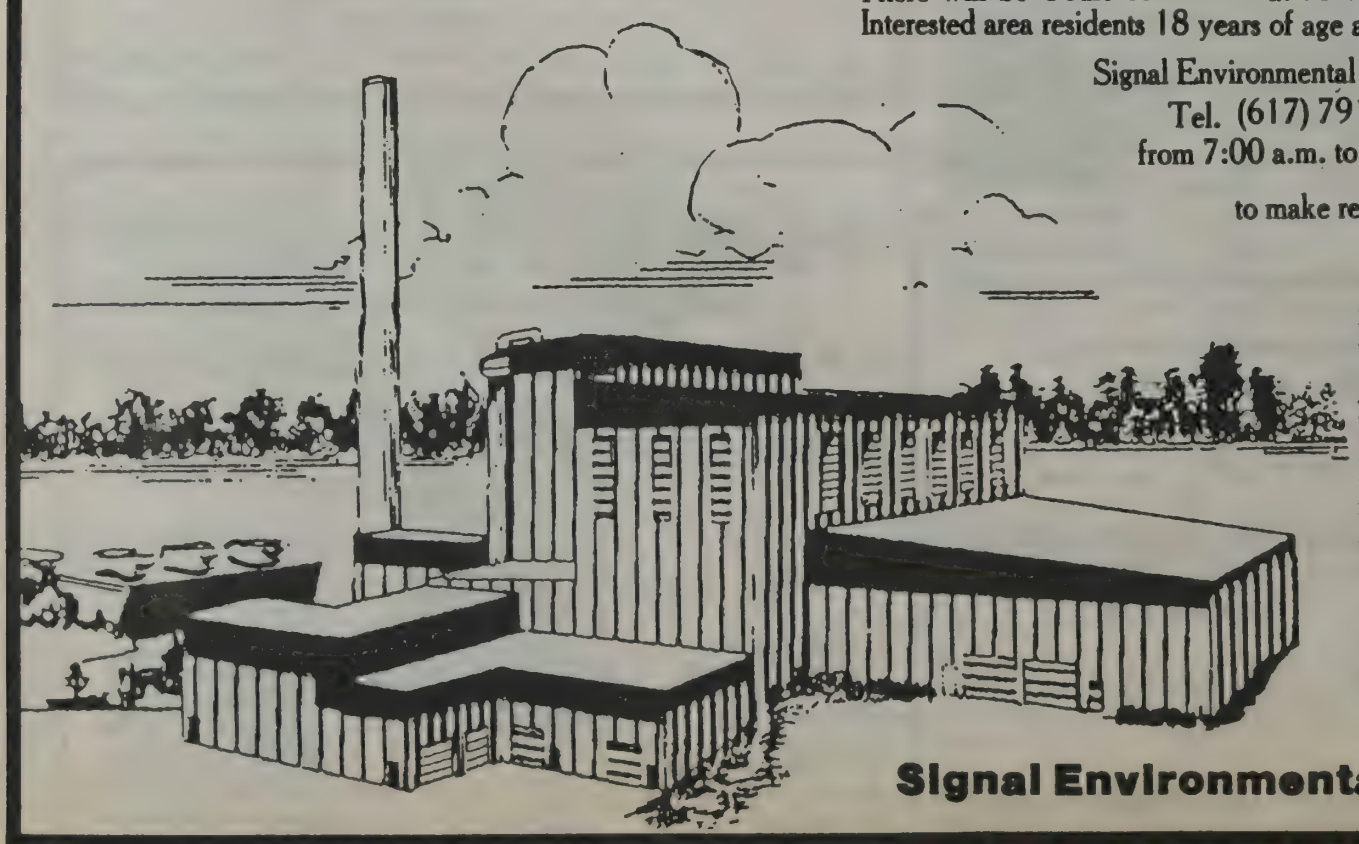
to make reservations for one of the Tours.



At the Special Millbury Town Meeting scheduled for February 10 1987, Millbury Voters will be presented with issues concerning the operation of the Resource Recovery Facility-Signal Environmental Systems looks forward to this opportunity on February 7 to present Millbury Voters and other interested persons with a first-hand view of the Facility, and to answer any of your questions.

Signal Environmental Systems Inc.

DIALOGUE from Page 7

Gemme, son of Richard and Francine Gemme; and Thomas Grabauskas, son of Paul and Jean Grabauskas. The students are now eligible to compete with nominees from other schools for selection to this unique program.

Since this program has begun, several Millbury High School students have attended and have found it a rich and rewarding experience.

COURSE SELECTION FOR 8th GRADE

The eight grade has received the subject selection sheets and program of studies guide. Parents and students should make their decisions based upon the type of program they wish to follow for their four years. All students will have been briefed by Mr. Evers, eighth grade guidance counselor. The subject selection sheets must be returned by Friday, February 13. Feel free to call the Guidance Department with any questions on course selection. N.B. Students from grades 9 through 11 may not receive their packets until after the February vacation.

UPDATE ON L'AUTRE CHOIX

Mr. Scott Healey, coordinator of L'Autre Choix (The Other Choice), informs me that the enrollment has increased to eighteen students and that many positive things are resulting from their meetings. Each week the students meet with Mr. Healey, Mr. Wayne Sclar, and Mrs. Barbara Iannicchéri. Discussion has centered around self-esteem, parental issues, discipline, communication, etc. The group is planning several field trips. On February 16, they will go to Mechanics Hall in Worcester to hear the Boston Symphony Orchestra perform. Later, another field trip is planned to the Worcester and Boston Art Museums.

IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL UPDATE

During this past week, Juniors Tim Cluett and Denise Young attended a conference at Tahanto Regional High School. This conference was sponsored by the Mass. Dept. of Education for the purpose of bringing together the elected student representatives from the School Improvement Councils. They will, I'm sure, be able to share some of their experiences at our Tuesday, February 10 meeting. This is a public meeting of the High School S.I.C. which will be held at the Media Center at 2:10. At this time, the S.I.C. will try to decide how to spend the money allocated by the State.

S.A.D.D. CHAPTER GOES TO BOSTON

In an effort to promote the important message delivered by the S.A.D.D. organizations throughout the state, Boston University has invited members from across the state to attend a basketball game between B.U. and U.N.H. on February 7. Members of the Millbury High S.A.D.D. chapter plan to attend this fun event.

SPORTS

BASKETBALL

Friday, February 6: Boys vs. Oxford (A) at 6:15; Girls vs. Oxford (H) at 3:15

Monday, February 9: Girls vs. Leicester (A) at 6:15

Tuesday, February 10: Boys vs. Leicester (H) at 5:00

Thursday, February 12: 8th Grade vs. Leicester (H) at 3:15

WINTER TRACK

Saturday, February 7, Districts at South High: Girls at 12:30 p.m. and Boys at 8:30 p.m.

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Crossword Puzzle

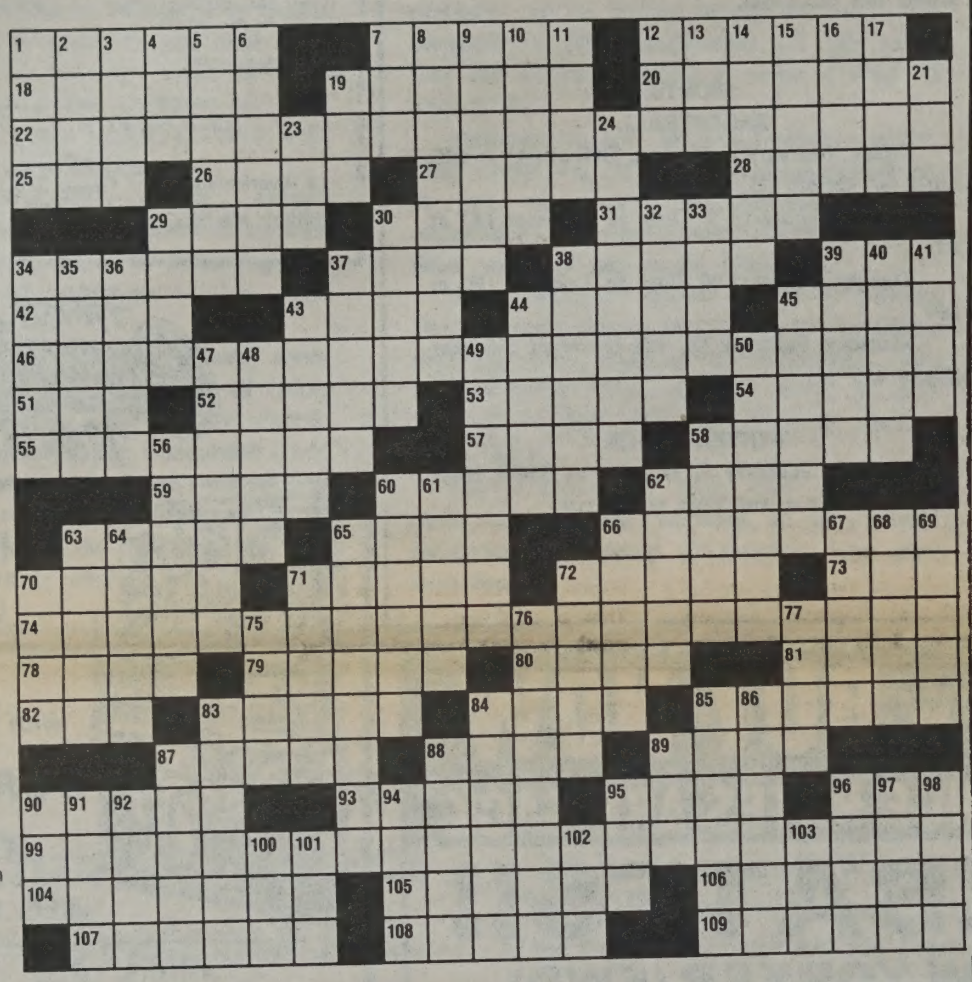
By Alfio Micci

ACROSS

1 Jungle vines
7 Law's partner
12 PLO leader
18 Place
19 Addison's partner
20 Longed for
22 Start of a topical four-line verse
25 Ethyl ender
26 Delete
27 Rubbish
28 Goatee's kin
29 Skier's mecca
30 CINC
31 Ostriches
34 White poplars
37 German region
38 Start of a Huxley title
39 Road sign
42 Blanc or Cenis
43 Actress Anderson
44 Paris subway
45 Schoolteacher, of old
46 Second line of verse
51 "To — With Love"
52 Like a proverbial bird
53 Track shapes
54 Jagged
55 Without obligation
57 Father
58 Marsh bird
59 Comic Roscoe of old flicks
60 Doomed
62 Hermes' mother
63 Angelic headwear
65 Mod musical
66 "The — Hill Mob"
70 What "Mac" means
71 Hidden
72 Black of Hollywood
73 Author Santha Rama
74 Third line of verse
78 Threads
79 Conduits
80 Recital piece
81 Matures
82 Japan or Siam ender
83 Valletta's island
84 Sheep shelter
85 Wrangle
87 Bellini heroine
88 Muffins
89 Pound down
90 Zeal
93 Scandinavian
95 Commedia del' —
96 Sound from Sandy
99 Last line of verse
104 Is sorrowful
105 Cowhand's need
106 Adjustment to new habitat
107 Has mercy on
108 Actor Keach
109 Can't stand

DOWN

1 Between hook and sinker
2 Privy to
3 "— forgive those..."
4 Not pos.
5 Interstice
6 Lively dances
7 Suffix with Capri
8 Hinder
9 More precious
10 Inventor Howe
11 Beatty film
12 Tumult
13 Sleep study abbr.
14 Blind —
15 Discharges
16 Near East gulf
17 Wild goat
19 Non-com
21 June honoree
23 — de veau (sweetbread)
24 Engine valve
29 Western resort
30 Philippine island
32 Opposite of 15 Down
33 Chemical compound
34 Not right
35 Kind of acid
36 Word on a Spanish calendar
37 Statue support
38 Firework
39 Round dance
40 Greet the dawn
41 Captain Hook's sidekick
43 Early harps
44 Flick
45 Another Anderson
47 Ceased
48 — and penates
49 Cure-all
50 Undemanding
56 Eagle features
58 Is frugal
60 Breakfast fare
61 Namesakes of a Verdi heroine
62 Tosca's love
63 Deceive
64 Battery terminal
65 Uncertain
66 Dish out
67 Sediment
68 Picasso prop
69 Muscovite, in Marseilles
70 Aspect
71 Sacred song
72 Nautical measures
75 "Cielo —": Ponchielli aria
76 Of similar chemical compounds
77 Grate
83 Violinist Erika
84 Musical pause
85 Enmity
86 Punish
87 Music for nine
88 Early English coin
89 Uno plus due
90 Boring tool
91 Musical comp.
92 Prefix with monde or tasse
94 Cartoon Olive's folks
95 Wakashan language
96 Choir loft
97 Journalist Jacob
98 Gab or song follower
100 Nice season
101 Balaam's mount
102 Islet
103 Still



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Solution to Last Week's Puzzle

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SUTTON FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH: Rev. Andrew J. Bierkan - Sundays: 10:00 a.m. Morning Worship and Sunday School in the Meetinghouse; Crib Room, Nursery, Kindergarten, grades 1-8 at 10:00 a.m.; Jr. P.F. as announced; Sr. P.F. from 7:00-9:00 p.m.; Programs: Thursday Morning Bible Study at 10:00 a.m. (Beginning September 18th); 1st Wednesday, Mission Team Work Meeting at 10:00 a.m.; 2nd Thursday, Women's Fellowship of Sutton Luncheon/Program/Meeting at noon; 4th Tuesday, Bi-Monthly, Sutton Men's Club Supper/Programs at 6:30.; Monthly Public Suppers - 1st Saturdays, 5-7 p.m.; Monthly Public Luncheons: 3rd Wednesdays noon - 1:00 P.M., April-November.

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MILLBURY FEDERATED CHURCH: Methodist - Congregational Rev. Richard Mattozzi, Pastor - Sunday Services: Adult Worship, Youth Worship, Childcare - 10:00 a.m., Church School - 10:15 a.m., Coffee Fellowship - 11:00 a.m.; Bible Study: Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m. and Thursdays at 9:30 a.m.; Senior Choir Rehearsal: Thursdays at 7:30 p.m.

HERITAGE BAPTIST CHURCH: Pastor R.A. Hopkins - The Heritage Baptist Church will no longer be meeting at the American Legion Hall in Manchaug. For information on meeting locations contact Pastor Hopkins at 401-568-2932.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH - WEST SUTTON: Mr. John Olson - Sunday Morning Worship at 9:30 a.m. followed by Coffee Time at 10:30 a.m.; 3rd Tuesday of each month - Women's Association meetings.

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, MILLBURY, Telephone - 865-9861: Rev. Arthur W. Perkins, Minister - Sunday Morning Worship: 9:00 a.m., Church School; 10:30 a.m., Worship Service; Mondays 7:00 p.m., Diet Workshop; Tuesdays: 9:00 a.m., Aerobics Class; Wednesdays 7:30 p.m., Choir Rehearsal; Thursdays 9:30 a.m., Aerobics Class, 7:00 p.m., Dog School

MILLBURY BAPTIST CHURCH: Rev. Richard S. Falkenberg, Pastor; Charles H. King, Minister of Music - Sunday Morning Services: 9:30 a.m. - Sunday School; 11:00 a.m. - Morning Worship - Nursery provided; Wednesdays: 10:00 a.m., Discovery Group meets for Bible Study; Thursdays: 7:00 p.m., Choir Rehearsal; 8:00 p.m., Open Bible Study.

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EMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH, 200 Greenwood Street, Worcester, MA, Telephone: 756-6620: George G. Kinney, D.Min., Pastor; Louisa Klaven, Pastoral Assistant - Sunday Morning Services: 9:00 a.m. (Nursery Provided); Chapel Service at 10:30 a.m.; Sunday School at 10:30 a.m.; Communion on First Sunday of the month.

ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH, Main St., Wilkinsonville: Rev. Walter E. Reynolds; Saturday, 5:30 p.m. - Holy Communion; Sunday, 8:00 a.m. Holy Communion - 10:00 a.m. Holy Communion (1st-3rd-5th Sunday); Morning Prayer on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month. Church School - Pre-School - Grade 8

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SUTTON STUDENT HAS POEM PUBLISHED

Michael Hood, English and Creative Writing teacher at Sutton Memorial High School, and Diane Rigney, student poet.

A poem by Sutton Memorial High School Junior Diane Rigney, entitled, "The Hobo", was accepted for publication in the Quabbin Regional High School Poetry Magazine Shards. This annual publication contains poetry selections from student submissions throughout the state.

Diane, the daughter of Lucyann Swenson of Sutton, also attended a poetry workshop at Quabbin Regional with her English teacher, Mr. Michael Hood.

Congratulations Diane! We know our readers will enjoy your poem.

"THE HOBO"

"I walk alone through the lonely alley,
Destitute but proud
The stars as my nightlight
The noise of the traffic as my radio.
My feet hurt from the worn–out shoes
And the holes are inhaling dirt from the road.
My best friend Tom is strutting on the fence,
Purring loudly in the moonlight.
I rummage through the garbage
Searching for a tidbit of food
Only to wrestle with the rodents.
I just continue to live day by day
Or is this living? Is this just surviving?
Merely existing?"

POLICE from Page 1

The town negotiators and the police officers met again Monday, February 2. According Parath, the police bargaining unit met for three hours without the attorneys present, and discussed economic issues. "Things went reasonably well. There was good frank talk. They [the Town negotiators] asked questions in what appeared to be an attempt to understand some of our concerns."

When asked to comment on the negotiations, Police Chief George Brady stated that he had a few minor problems with the existing contract and had recommended only a few minor changes in language.

Wynton Adams, Chairman of the Board of Selectmen, and a member of the Town Bargaining team, clarified the Town's position in a separate interview. He explained that this is the first time, to his knowledge, that the Selectmen have been actively involved in direct contract negotiations with town employees, a task that has been handled in the past by the Personnel Board and professional negotiators. According to Adams, in taking over this task, the Board "felt a responsibility to review the specific wording of the entire contract and in so doing, recognized many areas where the wording was not specific."

The Board reviewed the contract, analyzed it, and identified areas of concern. The Selectmen then requested that Town Counsel construct what he would consider to be adequate wording to address each of these issues.

According to Adams, "All of this process was carried out for an objective purpose and that was not to hinder the bargaining process. It was an objective exercise in attempting to have professionally reading contracts with the Town's employees." Adams hopes that these negotiations will produce a document that will precisely describe the relationship between the employees and the town and, should some question arise, the principles should be able to determine exactly what was meant at the bargaining table. "In a Town of our size," he stated," things don't happen every week or even every year but they can happen and its better to address them at the bargaining table than to have to settle the problem with arbitration, litigation, or just by giving up on it."

Adams wanted the public to be aware that the Town officials are doing triple duty in that they are negotiating three separate contracts with three separate groups at three separate times. "We have tried very hard to understand the needs of the bargaining units and the membership so we can address the proposals." he said.

Contract talks with the Police Union are scheduled to resume on February 11.

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